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SUBJ: CONVERSATION WITH TURKISH AMBASSADOR

1. I SAW TURKISH AMBASSADOR INHAN ON SEVERAL MATTERS DEC 9. INHAN CONTINUES TO BE PUBNACIOUS ABOUT GREEK CYPRIOTS, TAKING THE GENERAL LINE THAT NO NEGOTIATION DOES NOT HURT TURKEY; GREEKS MUST SUFFER MORE BEFORE THEY ACCEPT NEW REALITIES ON CYPRUS.

2. CONSULAR ACCESS. I SAID THAT DESPITE INNUMERABLE ASSURANCES WE ARE STILL GETTING VIRTUALLY ZERO COOPERATION. WE ARE DELUGED WITH LETTERS FROM AMERICAN CITIZENS AND THEIR CONGRESSMEN. NICOSIA IS JAM PACKED WITH AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTS HERE TO COVER STORY OF ARCHBISHOP'S RETURN. WHILE WE HAVE BEEN VERY CAREFUL IN DEALING WITH THESE CORRESPONDENTS, ONE STORY ON TURKISH LACK OF COOPERATION IN GRANTING CONSULAR ACCESS WOULD SUFFICE TO CLINCH CONGRESSIONAL CUTOFF OF AID TO TURKEY.
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INHAN DESCRIBED AT LENGTH HIS PREDICAMENT IN DEALING WITH

TURKISH MILITARY AUTHORITIES ON ISLAND. HE REALIZED OUR PROBLEM AND OUR RIGHTS UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW. HE ASSURED ME THAT HE HAD BEEN CHIPPING AWAY WITH THE MILITARY AND THOUGHT WE COULD EXPECT PROGRESS THIS WEEK.

3. AUTONOMOUS TURKISH ADMINISTRATION (ATA) I.D. CARDS. IN CONNECTION WITH FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT IN TURKISH ZONE, I NOTED REPORTS THAT ATA INTENDING FORCE IDENTITY CARDS ISSUED UNDER ITS SEAL UPON DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR CORPS. INHAN CONFIRMED THAT THIS BEING CONSIDERED BUT ONLY TO FACILITATE MOVEMENT. I REPLIED THAT, AS AN EXPERIENCED DIPLOMAT, INHAN WOULD REALIZE THE SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS OF SUCH A STEP IN THE MINDS OF GOVERNMENTS HAVING REPRESENTATION ON CYPRUS. I COULD NOT FORECAST THE REACTION OF MY OWN GOVERNMENT BUT SAID I FELT INHAN SHOULD KNOW THAT IN THE NICOSIA DIPLOMATIC CORPS THERE WAS STRONG RESISTANCE TO ACQUIESCING IN SUCH A TURKISH MOVE. IT WAS GENERALLY FELT THAT IF IDENTIFICATION NEEDED FOR TRAVEL IN TURKISH ZONE, PASSPORTS SHOULD SUFFICE.

4. CLERIDES-DENKTASH NEGOTIATION. INHAN SAID MAKARIOS' RETURN HAD THROWN EVERYTHING UP IN THE AIR. DENKTASH COULD NOT POSSIBLY NEGOTIATE SUBSTANCE UNTIL, AT MINIMUM, CLERIDES' NEGOTIATING MANDATE WAS CLEAR AND SPECIFIC. THERE COULD BE NO NEGOTIATION EXCEPT ON BASIS OF BIZONAL FEDERATION. WHILE MAKARIOS HAD PERHAPS AVOIDED SAYING SOME OF THE WORST THINGS, HIS SPEECH ON RETURN DECEMBER 7 HAD BEEN VIEWED NEGATIVELY BY THE TURKISH EMBASSY AS PORTENDING AN EARLY SLIPPING BACK TO HIS OLD HABITS. HE COULD NO LONGER PRETEND TO SPEAK FOR ALL OF CYPRUS. HE HAD TO UNDERSTAND THAT GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS NO LONGER EXISTED. IT HAD BEEN REPLACED BY TWO COMMUNITIES ON AN EQUAL FOOTING. GOT INSISTENT THAT THIS REALITY BE REFLECTED IN EVERY ISSUE OF SUBSTANCE, WHETHER UN RESOLUTIONS, NICOSIA AIRPORT REOPENING, OR OTHER. FURTHER, INHAN SAID, TURKEY CANNOT NEGOTIATE WITH ANYTHING AMORPHOUS, I.E. SOMETIMES CLERIDES, SOMETIMES MAKARIOS, SOMETIMES GREECE. POSITION AND AUTHORITY OF THE MAN NEGOTIATING FOR GREEKS MUST BE UNEQUIVOCAL.

5. TURKISH GESTURES. INHAN SAID THAT BEFORE MAKARIOS' RETURN GOT HAD BEEN CONSIDERING SOME SLIGHT GESTURES TO HELP ADVANCE THE CLERIDES-DENKTASH NEGOTIATION. THESE NOW IN THE FREEZER
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UNTIL SITUATION CREATED BY MAKARIOS' RETURN HAD BEEN CLARIFIED.

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